



## ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop a *Health and Safety Plan* and submit it to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant.**

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services;
3. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each CDC safety recommendation.

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: Northern York County School District

Initial Effective Date: August 25, 2021

Date of Review: March 22, 2022

Date of Review: January 24, 2023

Date of Review: July 18, 2023

Date of Review: January 23, 2024

Date of Most Recent Review: **June 25, 2024**

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

*Currently, the Northern York County School District is fully open. The district will continue to consider recommendations from the Commonwealth of PA and the CDC.*

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

*The Northern York County School District has fully reopened for all school-day and afterschool activities. For the 2023-24 school year, the district*

- *has entered into an agreement with Care Solace, a confidential care coordination service that helps students, staff, and their families find mental health or substance use treatment options 24/7/365,*
- *has entered into an agreement with TrueNorth Wellness Services, who will serve on our Student Assistance Teams as a Mental Health Liaison, and*
- *has retrained our Student Assistance Teams and is improving team functionality.*

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct	Masks are not required in NYCSD schools, at NYCSD events, or on NYCSD transportation.

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wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	NYCSD has resumed pre-COVID capacities in classrooms, cafeterias, and on school transportation.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	NYCSD has returned to pre-pandemic handwashing and respiratory expectations which include but are not limited to encouraging hand washing before and after meals, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. Also, we continue to encourage students and staff to cover their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze.
d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u> ;	Cleaning and ventilation practices have returned to pre-pandemic standards.
e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	NYCSD is no longer contact tracing. Students and staff who are sick are reminded to stay home until feeling well.
f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u> ;	<p>All students and staff are asked to self-monitor for sickness symptoms each day prior to arriving at school.</p> <p>Communications will be made to ensure that students and staff members with symptoms know they should not report to school.</p> <p>Our school nurses are available to answer any questions from students, staff, and families related to illnesses.</p>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	Information related to vaccine locations: ( <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov/search/">https://www.vaccines.gov/search/</a> ).
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;	The IEP or 504 Team will convene, case-by-case, to develop specially designed instruction, accommodations, or strategies that provide students access to a free and appropriate public education.

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i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The district will continue to coordinate with state and local health officials on an as-needed basis to provide a safe educational environment. If necessary, this plan will be updated based on the needs of our school and community.

**Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

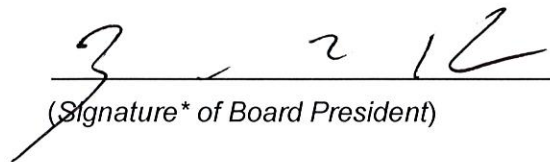
The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Northern York County School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 25, 2024**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes  
0 No (1 Absent - Eichelberger)

Affirmed on: **June 25, 2024**

By:

  
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 (Signature\* of Board President)

Zachary R. Kile  
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 (Print Name of Board President)

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